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## QUARTERLY MEETING.

At a meeting of the Massachusetts Historical Society, Oct. 27, 1807, — the members present were, J. Davis, Dexter, Eliot, Emerson, J. Freeman, Holmes, Spooner, J. Winthrop, and T. L. Winthrop.

JONATHAN WILLIAMS, Colonel of Engineers, was chosen a Corresponding Member.

The Society received information that Elkanah Watson, Esq., had removed into the State, in consequence of which Dr. Eliot withdrew his nomination.

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## QUARTERLY MEETING, JANUARY, 1808.

At a meeting of the Massachusetts Historical Society, Jan. 26, 1808, — the members present were, Bulfinch, J. Davis, Eliot, J. Freeman, Holmes, and Webster.

*Voted*, That the President, Dr. Eliot, and Dr. Webster be a committee to consider the expediency of an engagement on the part of this Society to celebrate annually the anniversary of the first landing of the Fathers at Plymouth, either by itself or in connection with other persons, and to report thereon.

## ANNUAL MEETING, MAY, 1808.*

At a meeting of the Massachusetts Historical Society, May 9, 1808, — the members present were, D. Davis, J. Davis, Eliot, Emerson, J. Freeman, Tyng, Webster, and T. L. Winthrop.

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| CHRISTOPHER GORE | was chosen . . | PRESIDENT. |
| JOSIAH QUINCY | „ . . | TREASURER. |
| JOHN ELIOT | „ . . | CORRESPONDING SECRETARY. |
| JAMES FREEMAN | „ . . | RECORDING SECRETARY. |

*Voted*, That during the present year the offices of Librarian and Cabinet-Keeper be united.

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| TIMOTHY ALDEN | was chosen . . . | LIBRARIAN AND CABINET-KEEPER. |
| JAMES WINTHROP<br>JOHN DAVIS<br>REDFORD WEBSTER<br>WILLIAM EMERSON<br>JOHN T. KIRKLAND | were chosen | STANDING COMMITTEE. |
| JOHN ELIOT<br>JAMES FREEMAN<br>REDFORD WEBSTER<br>JOHN DAVIS | „ | COMMITTEE OF PUBLICATIONS. |

*Voted*, That the Publishing Committee be authorized to give such name to the next volume of the Collections as they shall think proper.

Nomination: Earl of Buchan, a Corresponding Member, by Dr. Eliot.

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* We entitle this the "annual meeting," at which the annual election of officers took place; the quarterly or annual meeting for April being omitted. — EDS.

## QUARTERLY MEETING.

At a meeting of the Massachusetts Historical Society, Aug. 30, 1808, — the members present were, J. Q. Adams, J. Davis, Eliot, Emerson, J. Freeman, Gore, Harris, Kollock, Prince, Quincy, Tyng, Whitney, and T. L. Winthrop.

A report of the Standing Committee respecting delinquent members was read; and, on motion, it was

*Voted*, That it be recommitted to the same Committee.

*Voted*, That the Treasurer be requested to write to the delinquent members, desiring them to pay the sums respectively due from them, and informing them that, unless they are discharged in three months, their debts will be put in suit.

*Voted*, That the Corresponding Secretary be requested to write a letter of thanks to Robert Smith, Esq., for his donation to the Society of a medal of Commodore Preble.

The Earl of BUCHAN was chosen a Corresponding Member.*

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* The letter which Dr. Eliot, the Corresponding Secretary, wrote to the Earl of Buchan, advising him of his election, never came to hand. Subsequently, nine months later, Dr. Eliot wrote a second letter, to which the Earl replied. This letter, and the Earl's reply, are printed below. Dr. Eliot's second letter was picked up at an autograph shop in London, in 1875, by our associate, the Hon. Mellen Chamberlain, and forwarded to the Society. See the Proceedings for September, 1875.

"BOSTON, May 9th, 1809.

"MY LORD, — I have the honor of informing you that you were elected unanimously a member of the Massachusetts Historical Society, and we hope the choice will meet your acceptance.

"This communication I have made before, but, unfortunately, my letters did not reach you. The packet contained a particular address to you from the President, Mr. Sullivan, since dead, and certain papers from myself, which I am sorry you did not receive.

"Mr. Sullivan often regretted the failure of this communication, and intended to write again. Your book and MSS. are preserved in the best part of

Nominations: Rev. Joseph McKean, of Boston, and Joseph Allen, Esq., of Worcester, Resident Members, by the Standing Committee; Benjamin Silliman, A.M., Professor of Chemistry at the University of Yale, a Corresponding Member, by Judge Davis.

Adjourned to meet at the Union Bank, on Wednesday, September 7, at twelve o'clock.*

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our room, and are valuable for present use, as well as the benefit which will accrue hereafter.

"When a vessel sails to Greenock, I will send a volume of our Collections, now in the press, and hope to be more fortunate in my method of conveyance than I was when I sent so many packages by the 'Galen.'

"With sentiments of high esteem and respect, I am, your Lordship's most obedient and humble servant,

"John Eliot,
Corresponding Secretary, Mass. Hist. Society.

"P. S. Having mentioned that I would send by a vessel to Greenock, I would rather say that I will not make up the package till I hear from your Lordship, and will then observe your direction.

"Will you please to mention a place either in Greenock or London where I may be sure of your getting it?

"A duplicate of this letter will be sent in the 'Ajax,' now up for Greenock."

"Dryburgh Abbey, August 8th, 1809.

"Sir,—I have had the pleasure to receive your letter of the 9th of May from Boston, in which you mention the miscarriage of the former packet to me, containing the communications of the honorable President of the Massachusetts Historical Society on my subjects, which were to me very pleasing and acceptable; and it will afford me always a sensible pleasure to promote the views and the prosperity of your useful and respectable institution. Pacquets sent to Greenock for me will always be carefully forwarded to my house in Edinburgh, where I reside constantly during the winter, if it be so denoted on the outside of pacquet, to go by the carrier, to the care of Brash & Reid, booksellers at Glasgow.

"I am, Sir, your obliged humble servant, Buchan.

"To Mr. John Eliot, Corresponding Secretary," &c. Eds.

* Isaac Lothrop, of Plymouth, died on the 25th of July last. A memoir of him, by Judge Davis, is in 2 Collections, I. 258–260. — Eds.

## ADJOURNED MEETING.

At a meeting of the Massachusetts Historical Society, held at Union Bank, Sept. 7, 1808, — the members present were, Bulfinch, J. Davis, Eliot, Emerson, J. Freeman, Gore, Harris, Kirkland, Shaw, Tudor, Tyng, and T. L. Winthrop.

Rev. JOSEPH McKEAN and JOSEPH ALLEN, Esq., were chosen Resident Members. BENJAMIN SILLIMAN, A.M., was chosen a Corresponding Member.

Nomination: Hon. Joshua Thomas, Esq., a Resident Member, by the President and Standing Committee.

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## QUARTERLY MEETING.

At a meeting of the Massachusetts Historical Society, Oct. 25, 1808, — the members present were, Alden, J. Davis, Dexter, Eliot, Emerson, J. Freeman, Kirkland, Quincy, J. Winthrop, and T. L. Winthrop.

The Standing Committee made a report respecting delinquent members, which was ordered to be put on file, to be taken up at the next meeting.*

*Voted*, That Hon. Nathaniel Freeman, Esq., be no longer considered a member of the Society, he having never signified his acceptance of his election, nor paid his admission money nor any annual assessment.

Hon. JOSHUA THOMAS, Esq., of Plymouth, was chosen a Resident Member.

Nomination: Rev. John Pierce, of Brookline, a Resident Member, by the Standing Committee.

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* See p. 197, and p. 247, note †. — EDS.